



# “Strawman” Policy Statements for Idaho



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- Idaho utilities should acquire reliable, diverse, cost-effective and environmentally sound resource portfolios sufficient to meet the long-term electricity needs of their customers.
- Idaho utilities should have access to a broad variety of resource options consistent with Idaho's policy objectives.
- All Idaho utilities should conduct Integrated Resource Plans that assess the relevant attributes of a broad spectrum of resource options and provide an opportunity for public input into utility resource decisions.

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- When acquiring resources, Idaho utilities should give priority to: (1) Conservation, energy efficiency and demand response; (2) In-state renewable resources; (3) Out-of-state renewable resources, clean coal, and high-efficiency thermal generation; and (4) All other resources.
- Idaho utilities should acquire all conservation that is cost-effective from the perspective of Idaho citizens.

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- Idaho utilities should place a high priority on acquiring in-state renewable generation that is a) consistent with reliable operation of the power system, and b) cost-effective from the perspective of Idaho citizens.
- Idaho utilities should pursue a voluntary Renewables Portfolio Standard of 15% of retail load by 2015.
- Idaho utilities should meet 75% of their load growth with conservation & renewables through 2015.

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- Idaho utilities shall offer voluntarily “green pricing” programs that allow customers to support environmentally preferred and renewable energy sources.
- Idaho and its utilities should ensure that a baseline level of affordable electricity service is available to every Idahoan.

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- Idaho should prepare for the possibility of federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, and Idaho utilities should consider this possibility in their integrated resource plans.
- Idaho utilities shall report annually the source of electricity sold to retail customers (their “fuel mix”).
- Idaho should participate in regional efforts aimed at increasing the capability of the western transmission grid and bringing to Idaho the benefits of cost-effective remote resources.